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Several Republican candidates for

congress were elected unexpectedly in the southern states and in this way did the "solid south" gets a few punc-With the death of the Empress

Dowager of China a child of three wears. Pu YI by name, is elevated to the dragon's throne and for a con kinued period that benighted country fwill have to struggle along under the rule of a regent.

If every hunter, or would be hunter, that has gone out after quail since the opening of the season and will go out before the season's end in one short month gets two of these birds, it may be set down that the huail in Kansas this year were exceedingly numerous.

Shipments in all kinds of goods merchandise are increasing; prices are higher; collections are easier and better and idleness is being greatly diminished. This is the gist of the business and financial reviews for the past week and they are ments which brought on the financial the beginning of the spelling of "prosperity" with capital letters.

Oklahoma celebrated the first anniversary of its birth as a state on Mon- these activities are being gradually day and the chances are that this baby commonwealth has tried more important experiments in the ad- election, has disappeared, the chief ministration of its affairs than have many of the older states during their loosened. Another very important aid entire existence. And the adequacy to resumption has been the decline in of a good many of them is yet to be determined definitely.

associate editor of The Outlook won't covery. Raw materials, however, unassociate editor of The Outlook won't Colonel George Harvey, the acetic editor of Harper's Weekly and the North American Review, have a fruitful field for comment and other things? Colonel Harvey's opinion of is estimated that office buildings. things? Colonel Harvey's opinion of is estimated that office buildings, came along for the order. Jim's eyes came along for the order, Jim's eyes along divers lines is—well, the less structures can now be erected at a was nothing else but a blur to him. said about it is probably the better.

the Republicans will have a majority siderable declines. Wages have not of forty-seven members in the house been reduced, but labor is in a much eaten ham and eggs twice a day all his of representatives. This is certainly more rational spirit than formerly of representatives. This is certainly more rational spirit than formerly McGee when he was a boy. an excellent working majority but the and its efficiency is undoubtedly betgreat trouble is that it is the hardest ter. Some idea of the increased acproposition in the world to get a tivity in building is obtained from the majority of the Republicans to work regular trade authorities, which show together on such matters as tariff re- that building expenditures in 35 lead-

Stephen B. Elkins, United States senator from West Virginia, makes New York in the same period was as emphatic announcement that his much as 76 per cent. This comdaughter, Katherine, is not engaged to parison is made with a time when demarry the Duke of Abruzzi of the reigning family of Italy. That ought to settle it and may be looked upon as extremely good news for Miss just quoted show a surprising re-She's too nice a girl to get snubbed by the royal dames of any land.

No more natural gas for the places in Kansas that get their supply from Oklahoma fields in two years when the supply will be exhausted is the rather disquieting news from an Oklahoman, who poses as an authority on the subject. Probably he is an alarmist, of whom there are not a few in the new state. Others who are pretty well versed in this subject are under the impression that the tapping depleted by prolonged caution in of the gas fields in Oklahoma and contiguous territory is but in its infancy and that enough gas will be found to provide an adequate supply for years to come.

The National Prosperity association, a St. Louis organization, evidently has a mighty high opinion of its abilities along certain lines. It is out with a statement to the effect that it prevented President Roosevelt from sending any more special messages to congress which might be construed as being hostile to corporations. There is probably no power or force on the face of the earth, except his own sweet will, that prevented Mr. Roosevelt from sending messages of this sort to congress. He probably arrived at the conclusion, which almost everybody else reached, that he had promulgated a-plenty of these missives.

Outlook as soon as Mr. Roosevelt be- it will be needed just as much, if not joke.

to him who owns the publication. He though they occasionally get a helping will be responsible for what he writes hand along the way through the medifor it. Very good. But the man or um of suggestions, and that is really men who own The Outlook will be responsible for what is printed in it. from Mr. Roosevelt's farmers' commis-Their ideas on all things may not jibe sion, and perhaps the help by way of with Mr. Roosevelt's and the necessity suggestions that this commission will may perhaps arise when they will have to use the blue pencil on some of doubtedly will be extensive. his stuff. Then, what will happen? Even the most vivid imagination cannot say.

THE BUSINESS REVIVAL.

An excellent and authoritative survey of the wonderful renewal of activity in all of the many branches of business in this country is found in the current weekly financial review issued by Henry Clews & Co., one of the most reliable of the banking houses in New York city and with onnections all over the land from which it obtains first hand in formation. In it, Mr. Clews, who writes these reviews himself, says, among other things:

"One of the most gratifying features of the day is the unmistakable revival of business in many directions. Of course, improvement is much more pronounced in some quarters than others, but the recovery is most certainly genuine and not of the imaginary sort talked about by last summer's 'prosperity' boomers. There is no extraordinary prosperity nor boom in sight, and none is desired; making more noise than ever in its vicinity. It put in a new cylinder for the country has had enough of press not long ago. such and their disastrous reactions. and simply requires a gradual and steady resumption of normal activities, such as it is now experiencing. All that the country needs for the All that the country needs for the present is to be let alone for a period in order to recover its nerve and wonted activities.

wonted activities. "If we look for the quarters in which recovery is most pronounced we find it in the building and engineering trades. This was to be expected. A great many important enterprises were in course of construction or about to be initiated when the panic came. These works, moreover, were often very urgent in their character owing to the rapid growth of our great cities. Congestion of traffic and the great demand for new homes and office buildings made as its many of these enterprises imperative. The great pressure upon the railroads for better terminal facilities and past. greater carrying capacity is already an old story; and their excessive demands upon the money market in 1907 was no doubt one of the elecrisis that for nearly a year paralyzed all industrial pursuits. With easier conditions in the money market and with a gradual revival of confidence. resumed; and now that the last element of uncertainty, the presidential shackles upon industry have been raw materials. High costs of production and operation, the inevitable accompaniments of the late boom, When Mr. Roosevelt gets busy as an have been a serious hindrance to re-Colonel Harvey's opinion of is estimated that office buildings. cost of 10 to 15 per cent less than a year or two ago. Steel, lumber and bricks each having undergone con-Final election returns show that bricks each having undergone conwision and other questions of moment. ing cities during October were nearly 44 per cent greater than in October, 1907; while the increase in Greater

pression was beginning in the build-

vival in an important industry, fore-

other lines of business. The cotton

goods trade is much more active than

Maine to California and from Dakota

American spirit. Later on Europe

and Great Britain will follow our ex-

ample, for which there is great need.

especially in the latter country."

GLOBE SIGHTS.

He tried to recall what he had planned

[From the Atchison Globe.] There is no more expensive luxury n the world than getting even. There is only one thing people like that is good for them: a good night's

Nearly every man imagines, when he comes into possession of an old and battered coin, that he has a gold

mine. ing trades but had not reached its climax by any means; and the figures tust quoted show a surprising re-A mother's idea of as good luck as

For a few weeks after his wife's death, a widower looks at women with shadowing a growing demand for steel and all other building materials. the indifference and lack of interest that characterizes a sick man,

The signs of recovery extend also to how soon he gets over it! Pick out twenty young men, and ot more than five of them are makat any time since the panic, and lib-eral orders are being placed at ad-vancing prices. There are fewer idle vancing prices. There are fewer idle

high, with folding beds in every room. cotton and woolen mills than for The women are learning more many months. Interior distributers about business matters every day, but are now filling up their shelves with the men are not taking any more inlarger supplies of dry goods and groceries, stocks having been much the course of a few years, the women will have everything to do.

purchases. The west continues opti-mistic and prosperous, thanks to a smore than ever because on top of A woman does a great deal of work profitable harvest, and there is every all her work she still has to "Do" prospect of a good fall and winter trade in all parts of the country from Maine to California and from Doing twist.

Maine to California and from Dakota

There is not much summer lovemaking that is serious, and little of depression is remarkable; we plunged the winter variety that is frivolous more deeply than any other country into the slough of despond; and as usual we are leading all others in the legistic shouldn't believe anything path towards recovery. This of that is said to them in July and Au-

course is explained by our great na- | gust, tional resources, by our great wealth A number of years ago an Atchi tional resources, by our great wealth and by our general financial soundness backed by the indomitable optimism which characterizes the lince their marriage, the husband has a \$5,000 house, and purchased horses and a carriage, all of built by hard wo which were earned work But, in explaining his prosperity, his Co-operation of the farmers is needed money when he married her!"

mow to make the work of improving their condition, which has been undertaken by a new federal commission, the conduct of the affairs of The Outlook as soon as Mr. Roosevelt be
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it will be needed just as much if nor the conduct of the conduct of the conduct of the conduct of the affairs of the conduct of the affairs of the conduct of the conduct of the conduct of the affairs of the conduct of the conduc When the ballot was discover gins his duties as an associate editor more after this commission has done ed, there was intense indignation. After the indications seem to point that its work and made its recommendator ter that the amount of the indications seem to point that its work and made its recommendator. when a man in that James Stillman, the New York and made its recommendations. For after all is said and done town wanted to abuse another, who is looked upon as the influential silent man of the Standard other class of people, is to be manded to leave town, be was finally compelled to leave town, he was so steadily accused, though E. H. Harriman, owns a decidedly controlling interest in this magazine. This brings forth a statement from Mr. Roosevelt that it does not matter and less degree, principally greater, alKANSAS COMMENT

PROFITLESS TALK.

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make will be as effective as they un-

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Besides gathering little or no moss

Some men seem to have an idea that

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always

when they put on a hunting jacket they

Among the drawbacks of suburban

Persons should be thankful that they

do not have to experience the "better

JAYHAWKER JOTS

The Farmers' Voice of Clyde is

Some Kansas newspapers that are rivals in the same field are exceed-

ingly neighborly. Frank Jarrell, edi-tor and proprietor of the Holton Signal, bought a type-setting machine

Nearly everyone thinks the city clerk of Garden City is a man, and quite naturally, since her name is Lewis Griggs. At a recent council meeting she read an official letter directed to her in which the correspondant and didressed her as "Deer Sir."

ent addressed her as "Dear Sir." And in the minds of all the Garden City folks the first half of this designation

B. F. Culley of Iola has purchased

a controlling interest in the Olathe Mirror, but there will be no immediate

change in the management of the property. Will H. Peters will continue as its business manager while the editorial department will be looked after by J. W. Richardson, who has

after by J. W. Richardson, who has acted in this capacity for some time

Splendor always confuses a person

who is not used to it. Which recalls a story Jim McGee told to an Atchison Globe reporter several years ago. Jim

Mitchell county, and is well known in western Kanses as an auctioneer with leather lungs. When McGee was a

boy, he lived with his parents on a farm in an eastern state. As a boy, he always had an ambition to dine in

a swell hotel in a neighboring city. He spent hours planning about the delicious things he would order from the bill of fare, if he ever had an op-

portunity to shove his feet under one

of the tables of that hotel. One day his father announced that he would take him to the city, and that they would dine at that hotel. Jim was elated, and anticipated the wonderful delicacies he would order. He and his father went to the city and at dinner

father went to the city, and at dinner time went to the hotel. The minute

they entered the lobby, Jim began to

is now county treasurer of

was all right.

McGee

days" that some folks are alv haranguing about having enjoyed.

life are the lawn mowers in the sum-mer and the snow shovels in the win-ter.

rolling stone also goes down hill.

ten successful in giving them.

become expert hunters.

Many aspiring

PROFITLESS TALK.

Many people in Emporia, as in other towns, are wasting these sunny golden days standing around about the marketplace and the tabernacle, talking over the late election; explaining why Bryan was defeated; speculating as to what might have happened had the result been otherwise; dreaming pipe dreams, and weaving airy fabrics which are of no earthly use to a soul. ise to a soul.

Why not drop it all and get down to business? The votes have been cast, the country has been saved; the Moving Finger writes, and having writ, moves on. Let us also move on. writ, moves on. Let us also move on. There are things to be done, and they have been neglected too long. The town is full of dead leaves and rubbish; why not rake them up, and trust Taft to do the right thing about the regulation of the trusts? There are old bottles and dead rats and such things on the public streets, why not cast them where they belong, and rest secure in the belief that congress will leal intelligently with the Filipinos? There is no human occupation less profitable than this thing of thrash-ing straw that has been fialled a thousand times. The weather is so beau-tiful and refreshing that any man with blood in his veins should consid er it a pleasure to get busy and do something useful; something for the good of the town, of his family, and of the race.—Emporia Gazette.

SAME WAY OUT WEST. When a western editor "goes after" a man, he reminds us of a New York dramatic critic. In New York, a dramatic critic will, for some reason, hate a popular play and actor. For months he will abuse the play and actor. Be cause the people do not accept the views of the dramatic critic, the critic will abuse the people. The people rarely read dramatic criticism but the critic hammers away week after week, all the time becoming more angry. Finally, the owner of the theater where

the popular play is being presented, may refuse admission to the angry dramatic critic. Then the dramatic critic appeals to the courts, and that feature of the case attracts his attention for a time. Finally, the court gives its decision, and the dramatic critic is permitted to enter the theater again. He continues his abuse of the again. actor and play, and sometimes he goes crazy, or commits suicide. . . . . that the way a western editor when he "goes after" a man? He hates without reason, and carries his abuse so far that he injures himself rather than the object of his hatred.—Atchison Globe

A PRECEDENT BROKEN.

The election of Taft breaks a prece-Perhaps it breaks several of them, but the one which seems largest in political history is that the Republicans were victorious when the country is in the midst of a period of depression. In no single instance before has the electorate failed to overthrow the party which was in power at the time the panic occurred. English history also shows a similar list of prece-dents, showing the tendency of the voters to hold the ruling party directly responsible for trouble in financial and industrial affairs. It is true that the country is recovering from its panic. but it isn't entirely normal yet by any means. The election of Taft shows plainly that people mared Bryan might do worse. The question arises, which can never be positively answered: Would a Democrat of the more conservative type have stood a better chance of election than Mr. Bryan did? -Atchison Globe.

WHY CALL IT ODD?

An odd thing about the results in Kansas is that W. A. Reeder, the only Republican congressman who in the closing hours of the campaign deserted "Uncle Joe" Cannon, came within a scratch of being defeated. Three days wife or your sweetheart?" said the old woman. "For my sweetheart." "Fifty before the election Reeder gave out a before the election Reeder gave out a before the election Reeder gave out a formula to the control of the con statement that if elected he would vote for some "progressive" candidate for speaker against Cannon. His plurality, according to his chairman, S. I Hawkes of Stockton, is less than 400. Winfield Tribune.

### FROM OTHER PENS

MAKING IDEAL SERVANTS. Reference was made in these columns ecently to the policy of the New York German housewives in awarding prizes to domestic servants for faithfulness and ability. It was hoped that the ob-ject lesson thus afforded would have and ability. the effect of elevating the standard of when the population shall have exceedcounty council, which is the official by turning the seaweed of the great 6,000,000 people, announces a much more radical action toward the solution of the servant problem. A home is to be banquet given the other day, provided near London under the aus- It was the first of the k ploes of the county council, where girls served in the world, and was prepared will be trained in the arts of cooking, by Miss C. A. Lyford, a domestic housecleaning, waiting at table and science expert of the State? caring for the baby. During the 12 versity of Bloomington, Ill. months' course of tultion all their expenses will be pail by the council, and in addition they will receive a regular allowance for pocket money. Upon allowance for pocket money. Upon their graduation they will be given certificates of competency, and it is ex-pected that their services will com-mand a somewhat higher rate of payment than those of the untrained do-mestic. Eventually it is hoped to es tablish a large number of training schools of this kind throughout the county and when housewives see the kind of servants that are turned out they will decline to employ any others. Thus the scheme would benefit both employers and employes, raising not only wages, but the standard of efficiency.-Pitisburg Gazette-Times.

"SUFFERING" THEORY OF GENIUS. In his recent "Four Victorian Poets" Stopford Brooks coldly attempted to uncture a familiar theory. He was alking about poets, and he said that, for his part, he never took much stock in the idea that geniuses were entitled to sympathy on the ground that their superior sensitiveness condemned them to much suffering. He pointed out that, even if this sen-

sitiveness invited pain, it also increased the possibility of pleasure. The artist has a thousand delicate perceptions which the workaday man may lack, and each one of them is capable of affording a real delight. The pleasures of the artistic temperament thus

counterbalance or more than counter-balance, the disadvantages. When we consult the poets who may be taken as fairly representative of the artistic temperament—we find that this modern view is not wholly approved. We observe strong allusions to the modern view is not wholly approved. We observe strong allusions to the birthpangs of the productions of genius, but the compensating advantages are not remarked. They "learn in suffering what they teach in song" may perhaps be taken as the orthodox poetic view Or as Matthew Arnold put it wiew. Or, as Matthew Arnold put it,
"Such a price the gods exact for song;
to become what we sing."—Chicago In-

A CHANGE IN STYLES. When William Taft is President, heigho, in 1908, How styles will change. No one of us will then train down too fine.

in 1909.

How styles will change. No one of us will then train down too fine.

Horse jockeys will begin to stuff, and ere they go their rounds.

Each one will have to tip the scale at full two hundred pounds.

May Irwin will not have to bant in one continuous Lent,
But she can amble out and sing, when Taft is President.

Thin men of every shape and size will hide themselves away.
All hollow cheeks will be tabooed, all diets be passe.
All hatchet faces will be mobbed. Each girl we love must be so fat she'll quiver in our arms in rotund ecstacy.

ecstacy.
Round-belled aeronauts must steer balloons they represent.
All cooks must sleen in double beds, when Taft is President.

The corporations will not be confined to The corporations will not be confined to just a few,
But all the common people will have corporations, too.
No one will dare to worry, though in debt we'll gayly smile,
For we might lose flesh by worry, and we wouldn't be in style;
And though hard times are coming and we're broke, we'll still present
Our joyful curves to all the world, when Taft is President.

—Judge.

-Judge.

Death by Electrocution.

The attitude of Coroner George F Shrady, son of the most distinguished surgeon of his time, toward the killing of criminals by electricity is one that should have been taken long before this time by men whose opinion would carry weight.

would carry weight.

Dr. Shrady pronounces the present method of executing murderers in this and several other states as the most brutal conceivable by the human mind! He goes much further and declares that a clause in the bill, ordering an immediate autopsy, is into make death sure

That is to say, he asserts that the attendant surgeons who carve up the still warm body are the real executioners.

Could any charge be more terrible It is, in effect, a dreadful humiliation to the profession of surgery to compel some of its members to destro signs of returning life by taking ou to destroy the heart and the brain of the supposedly dead man within ten minute of the removal of the body from the electric chair. Indeed, Dr. Shrad Shrady makes the definite charge that on murderer, named by him, was in fair way to revive and was given a poisonous drug that finished him. Nothing more startling has been uttered by a responsible man in many years. His words would in-dicate that we are returning to the days of Socrates, when the death penalty was inflicted by compelling the condemned to drink hemlock. After a long experience as reporter

and special correspondent, during which many executions have been witnessed, the writer would vote for the guillotine, if he were asked how he had to die as a condemned man. It is complete! There isn't any doubt about the infliction of the death penalty. When a man's head is off he is dead. That for the man who wants life to end beyond a doubt! An acquaintance of the writer, Edmund Yates, left a hundred pounds in an envelope for a friendly sur-geon who would sever his jugular vein after his death. He had a ter-rible fear of being buried alive. In the cases of criminals, es-pecially in this state, Dr. Shrady says

the compulsory autopsy guards against that. Most of us expect, or hope, to escape the electric chair. against that. Most of us expect, or hope, to escape the electric chair. Therefore we are not especially con-cerned to know whether the un-fortunate chaps who have to die as condemned men really expire by the shock or by the knife.—Julius Chambers, in Brooklyn Eagle.

"Come back," said the old woman.
"Take it for ten. You've been lying to me, though: you have no sweetheart. Had the ring been for her you'd have price." "I will take it," said the tourist, "Here are the 10 francs." So the old woman wrapped the ring up But you haven't a wife, either," grumbled. "If it had been for grumbled. ou'd have beaten me down to 5 francs. Oh, you men!"-Chicago News.

Seaweed Solution of Food Problem. That the process of dehydration may

philosopher and friend of some Sargasso sea into a valuable food pro duct, was the theory advanced by Judge M. S. Griswold at a "dehydro"

It was the first of the kind ever served in the world, and was prepared science expert of the State Normal uni-

At this banquet the piece de resist-nce was seaweed done into fries. ance was seaweed roasts, purees, and many other con trived dishes by the skillful coo Every diner claimed to have enjoyed cook hugely, and all were up and about the next day.—Waukesha (Wis.) dispatch to New York American.

The Sucker State,

Illinois has been called the "Sucker state" for many years, and her na-tives are known as "Suckers." A dozen reasons or excuses have been given for this strange designation, but the only satisfactory one was told me the other day by a grandson of Ninian Edwards. "The early ploneers adopted many Indian habits. They even strap-ped their babies to boards like ped their babies to boards like papooses. After they began to raise hogs the mother would leave her little ray of sunshine alone in the cabin for hours; but to alleviate his solitude she gave him a large piece of raw pork to suck, first tying it to his foot by a string, so that when he attempted to wallow it the natural impulse to ed to swallow it the natural impulse to kick would save him from choking.

New York Press.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

[From the New York Press.] When a girl is so clever with men is A man strug making them think she thinks they speed lavers.

The only mission a good many peo ple worthily perform in life is when they get out of it.

The reason people seldom ever learn a thing well is they begin at it by thinking they know all about it. A bride has such an imagination she can go on believing it is still the honeymoon when it's just housekeep-

THE EVENING STORY

A Matter of Conventions. [By Clarissa Mackie.]

The train screamed its way through the valley, grunted up the steep incline, and came to a standstill before the ramshackle little station. It paused while two passengers alighted, and then it hurried off, as if it was giad to get away from such an insignificant stop-

Elsie Lansing accepted her leather bag from the taciturn station agent, who at the same time pushed a sult case toward the other traveler—a tall, young man, buttoned up in a gray ul-"Stage here for Greentop?" queried

the latter, picking up his grip.
"Not this day!" returned the agent, grimly. "Jim Laidiaw, he seems to think Saturday's made special so's he can git a little drunker'n usual! If you ain't expected, you'll have to walk!"
With which remark he slammed the station door, and turned the key. "Let me see-it's 12 miles to Green-top, isn't it?" asked the stranger

thoughtfully. "Twelve and a half. Straight road ahead." The agent tramped away across the platform and disappeared inside a small cottage perched on the high bank above the tracks.

Elsie Lansing looked dubiously at the frozen road, stretching away between pine-clad heights, faintly touched with the early morning sun. She had trav-eled all night, and had telegraphed for her newly acquired brother-in-law to meet her. There was no sign of the white moto

car which had been a part of the bri-dal equipment, and which was to speed her to the Eyrie in the Green Mountains, away from civilization and its attendant comforts. "If you are going to Greentop, per-

mit me to carry your bag," said the young man, lifting his hat. "It is a stiff walk, but perhaps it will stimu-late an appetite for dinner." "You are very good," replied Elsle, pleasantly, "but my bag is not heavy, and I can easily carry it myself."

Without further conversation, they left the station and made their way along the road in the shadow of the pines.
It was a crisp day with a tang of

early winter in the breath of the north wind. It was an invigorating day, with its strong scent of pine and balsam, the rattle of crisp, dry cones and the sweet purity of mountain air. stranger walked on ahead, with

long, swinging strides. His head was bent thoughtfully and it was quite evident that he had forgotten the girl, was struggling to keep pace with Suddenly he turned and perceived her.
"I must ask your pardon," he cried commiseratingly. "I forgot—that is, I did not realize how fast I was walking. Let me take your bag-you are ver tired.'

He took it from her unresisting hand and looked down at the delicate che paler by contrast of the fringing dark

"I hope it isn't much farther," she admitted ruefully. "I have been ill and my strength is fickle." He stopped and looked about him.

They had come to a slight opening in the forest, where the sun streamed over fallen tree trunks and glinted on the surface of a tiny brook, that wound its way across the road. "We will rest here," he said with a

note of authority in his voice. "It is a good deal farther. We have comeperhaps, three miles. If you will let me take you back to the station, I will

return to Greentop, and procure a conveyance of some sort—"
"No—" she objected, sinking wearily on to a fallen log. "I will be rested presently. You see, I didn't eat any breakfast and—"

"No breakfast?" he echoed blankly. "I don't wonder you are tired. Wait a minute, please!" He knelt down before his suit case and unlocked it. From its depths of masculine apparel he brought forth a small alcohol stove a bottle of the necessary liquid, and a small tin of

beef extract.

Elsie watched him with amused interest. With deft fingers he filled and lighted the lamp, and opened the tin of extract. "I wonder if he is a 'drummer' and is demonstrating some of his warre."

But there was something in the man's thin, intellectual face, with its near-sighted blue eyes behind thick glasses, and belied her estimate. There

was a vague familiarity about his movements that puzzied her.

"Here," he said, approaching her with a small sliver drinking cup, "drink

this, please. "You are very kind, indeed." she said

gratefully, sipping the hot liquid. "I am afraid I am depriving you of your

He threw back his head and laughed heartily. Elsie liked the laugh and decided that she liked the man.

"Excuse me, but you must think I'm an old maid—to be traveling about with that equipment," he said. "You see, I have an invalid aunt in Greentop. These are to rejoice her heart!"

"I have bon-bons in my bag," confessed Elsie. "Shall we eat them?"

"Let's," he assented gayly.
When the empty box had been thrown away, and the spirit lamp and its appurtenances had been returned

to the suit case. Elsie arose and drew her furs about her white throat. "I feel like a new woman," she said gratefully "The Lord forbid!" he cried with

fervancy.

They laughed in unison, as they resumed their journey. The way seemed shorter now as they chatted of impersonal matters. Once the man repersonal matters. Once the man re-ferred to a certain scientific work.

"I haven't read that; I did read Professor Ray's book on the same subject. "Ah! You have read Ray's book?"

he questioned.
She nodded. "I had to!"
"Why under complusion?"
was deep interest in his tone. "You see, Peter Ray is my brother-in-law's elder brother."

"You know him?" he asked.
"Not at all. I have never seen him, but Bed says he is fall.

but Bob says he is a jolly grind, and my sister says he is charming."
"See that squirrel," said the man suddenly changing the subject; "It is a flying squirrel and his antics are worth atching. Squirrels are perfect acrobats."

A long, white motor car crawled down the road to the railroad station. A man struggled ineffectually with the "Four hours from the Eyrle, dar-

"Four hours from the Eyrie, darling," murmured a white veiled vision
from the tonneau.

"I can't help it, Lettie! I don't
know what's got into the machine!
Elsie will be starved to death after this
long walt. If Laidlaw isn't there, she
may tr yto walk," groaned Bob Ray
diemelly

"If Peter was only here," said Lettie, gently.
"Aye! Peter could make the blamed

"And Peter, as I'm a sinner," added her husband, tooting his horn gayly. The pair on the log turned around

and then arose.

For the first time that day Elsie felt embarrassed at the situation. She could explain the fact that a stranger had accompanied her on the long walk, but how to make it clear to conventional Lettle that sitting upon the log was a natural outcome of their friendly companies.

Bob Ray saved her from Lettle's dis-'Peter, old man," he shouted gleeful-

ly; forget all your old 'isms' and 'ologies,' and get down and tinker this thing into shape! How is Elsie; tired, Elsle flushed and hesitated, Professor Ray came nobly to her aid. "I met Miss Lansing at the station—we came

up on the train together, you know-there was no conveyance, so we walk-ed. Glad you met us though," he added mendaciously.

When the automobile had been inwardly soothed by the skiliful hands of the professor, they whizzed smoothly toward the Eyrle.

"I thought you and Peter had never met, Elsie?" said her sister with an in-

met, Elsie?" said her sister with an in-terrogative glance.
"Why—yes—we—er—met" faltered El-sie, with a pleading glance at the near sighted blue eyes that peered at her from the front seat.

"We met—" said the professor, whose mental insight was without flaw, "we— er met—is not that sufficient?" Lettie looked at her sister's conscious face and at Peter's betraying eyes.
"I think that is sufficient," she said,
with a sage ned of her pretty head.—
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#### HUMOR OF THE DAY

"Is that John, givin' the college yell inside?" "That's ain't the college yell. The old man's fiallin' him out with a hickory, an' he's givin' the home yell!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Tommy, whose nose was out of joint, had been permitted to see the new baby in its bath. "Where's his other leg?" he asked, eyeing the infant with strong disfavor. "It's doubled up under him," explained the nurse. "Yes." he sneered. "Jes" like de blamed stork what brung 'em!"—Puck.

"Was his auto going so very fast?"
"Your Honor, it was going so fast that
the buildog on the seat beside him looked
like a dachshund."—Houston Post.

This epitaph has been suggested for a sentist's monument: "View this gravedentist's monument: "View this stone with all gravity; below I'm my last cavity."-Judge's Library.

He (boastingly)-It takes six generations to make a gentleman, you know. She (calmly)—Yes; and what a pity that it only takes one generation to unmake him!—Chicago News.

"I understand old Psiyman left his af-fairs in pretty bad shape. Are you having any trouble in straightening them out?" "We have found that they can't be straightened out. He was a confirmed crook."—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Ryetop—It just goes to show how youngsters of this generation neglect opportunities. Mr. Ryetop—What now, Mandy? Mrs. Ryetop—Why, when Zeke was home I used to try to make him take the mop and bucket and scrub up the halis. He wouldn't pay no heed, and now he writes that he is on a scrub team up at college, and I bet he doesn't know a thing about scrubbing.—Chicago Dally News.

"I'm a poor man." "When we are married I can learn to cook." "Hadn't you-er-better begin to practice," suggested the thrifty suitor, "while your father is yet supplying the raw material, so to speak?"—Washington Herald.

Johnny-Pa, when is the freedom of the city given to a man? Pa-When his wife goes to the country for the summer.— New York Sun.

The Ram-What is your chief ambition in life? The Bull-To tell the truth, I would like to be given the freedom of a china shop some day.-Puck.

"Darling, you're sleepy." "No, I'm not, mamma." responded Dalsy, who wanted to sit up longer and get some sweetles; "it's only my eyes are tired because they have been looking so long for some candy."—Baltimore American.

"I wonder why she doesn't marry Wilson. She seems to like his attentions enough." "That's why she doesn't marry him."—Young's Magazine.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.] There are some things we should remember to forget. A man with a long head isn't neces-sarily headlong,

The man who fancies his freedom

may not be fancy free. Sometimes a woman has the cheek to discard paint and powder. No. Cordelia, a false witness isn't

necessarily a bleached blonde. After a girl gets to be about so old she prefers kisses to fudge. The first thing in a shoe is the last, and the last thing is the wearer's

Sometimes the dentist's success de pends on the number of snags he runs up against.

A woman gets mad if she hears any one abusing her husband. It's usurping her privilege.

It's easy for a woman to land a hus-band, but the difficulty lies in getting him on the hook, Nothing pleases a stingy man more than to hear himself spoken of as being charitably inclined.

Of course your neighbor has his faults, but you should have sufficient self control not to mention them. Try to get what you are looking for in this world, for you'll probably get what you are not looking for in the

## QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

[From the Philadelphia Record.] Nothing pleases some people like The best man at many a wedding

proves to be the bride. Cold cash is what every man is nxious to freeze on to We sometimes pay dearly for the things we get for nothing. It looks as though the Tobacco Trust

night go up in smoke. Many a man comes to a bad end by trying to be a good fellow. Those who marry in haste have plenty of time to pay alimony.

Say what you will of the weather man, he is never spoiled with success. After a girl reaches a certain age her ideal is any man who will pro-

If Satan finds some work for the idle hands to do it must keep him pretty

"Life is full of ups and downs," uoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, most of quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, most of us have to keep down expenses to keep up appearances," replied the Simple Mug.

A woman's explanation of why she played a hand of whist the way she did is as convincing as a man's illumination of how he ought to have won a bet but lost it.

"Aye! Peter could make the blamed thing go. By Jove, Lettle, look there!"
He pointed ahead, where a huge log was rolled beside the path.
On it sat a man and a girl deeply worries me is that he was \$25,000 interested in watching the antics of